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# Topical Collecting Featured

# Pleasant Program For A. T. A. Meet

Those stamp collectors who will find it possible to go to Dayton, Ohio June 18, 19 and 20 for the Third Annual International Convention of the American Topical Association will find a lot of interesting entertainment, philatelic and non-philatelic. Headquarters for the convention sessions, the show and other activities will be the Miami Hotel in the heart of Dayton's business district. Known as the Gem City of the Miami Valley and further as the home of the Wright Brothers, and the Home of Aviation, visitors to the community will have ample opportunities to see for themselves the merits of this sparkling midwest city.

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The host club, the Dayton Phila-telic Society, has arranged an out-standing convention program. In-cluded are trips to a number of the local industries, to the Wright Memorial, Wright Field the world's largest aviation installation contain-ing the gigantic flight laboratories of the U.S. Air Force, Carillon Park and other points of interest. For those interested in shopping, the city has a number of beautiful stores.

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Highlights of the three-day conclave are the 200-frame exhibition in the hotel's air-conditioned Empire Room, a bourse of twenty dealers, and the annual banquet Saturday evening. Mrs. Alma Craemer is to be toastmaster of the latter with Judge Robert McBride of Dayton as the principal speaker.

Cooperation on the part of the Post Office Department will take the form of a post office at the show where all the available commemoratives now stocked by the Philatelic Agency in Washington will be available. Also the granting of a special cancellation for souvenir covers.

# Comprehensive List Of Stamp Literature

A rather comprehensive price list of philatelic literature has been prepared by Fritz Billig, 168-39 Highland Ave., Jamaica 32, N.

Y. Listings are started with back issues of philatelic journals in different languages and end with Asla and Africa. In between are noted the outstanding studies, catalogs and books on the specialites, or general issues of most nations. Offerings are heavy for the popular categories such as France and Colonies, Germany and Colonies and the British Empire. However there is some thing for everyone apparently regardless of the trend of the collecting and it would be well for the collector seeking written information to write for the Billig List.

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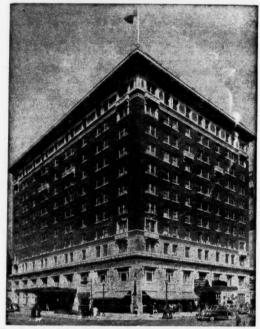
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# Opportunities Abundant To **Build Topical Collection** On Interests, Or Profession

Claude E. Erbsen

The big question that stamp collectors ask today is: "Why is topical collecting the fastest growing branch of philately?"

There is no one answer that can satisfy this far-reaching question.

A single statement cannot possibly describe the pleasures of "thematic" collecting, because every topical philatelist collects topicals for a different reason.

The little boy likes butterflies on stamps because they are colorful, and portray something that is familiar to him, and a part of his daily environment.

A Wall Street banker will collect banks on stamps, and a tired mail-man will rest his feet while work-ing on his collection of postmen on

stamps.

Thus, each and every one of us is able to find a field of topical philately that is akin to his or her business or special interests.

This is but one of the reasons for "topic-o-mania". Another reason is the low cost of forming a presentable to pical collection. Whether complete or not, a nicely mounted topical collection is always attractive.

A friend who drops in for the

ways attractive.

A friend who drops in for the evening will be left completely cold by your pet collection of perforation varieties of the 1922 series of Azerbaijan, but will be fascinated by the "little woman's" collection of flowers on stamps. To him flowers are sensible, collectable items. But perforations, why they are something for the couch-doctor!

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# Variety of Subjects

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Thus, the "ferroequinologist" will find pleasure collecting railroad

find pleasure collecting railroad stamps, while bird watchers will find new species while thumbing

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Jerome Husak



Topical collecting has been growing at a phenomenal rate in the last few years, so fast indeed that it has amazed even its most staunch adherents. Non-collectors, beginning collectors, specialists, men and women from every walk of life, are attracted to topicals in a manner unequalled in the annals of philately. This rapid growth in itself, brings in new ideas, suggests new subjects, offers new methods, and thus creates greater opportunities and more enjoyment every day for those who follow this method of collecting. Basically topical collecting stresses the design of the samps, rather than the country of issue or the postal stamps, rather than the country of issue or the postal collector himself desires to include them in his collecting, but only if they are essential to the story of the topic presented, and only if the topical collecting has one outstanding advantage, the ability to select a subject that has strong appeal to the selector. A former athlete might have little interest in stamps as such, but when exposed to stamps picturing sports, may very well become an ardent collector. The stamps may bring back old memories, or serve to interest others in the sports they picture.

The nature enthusiast, the traveller, the devotee of fine arts, all find topical subjects to aid their main hobby. Historians, doctors, lawyers, clergymen, teachers, writers, engineers, these and others often become interested in stamps relating to their professions or work.

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often become interested in stamps relating to their professions or work.

It is readily seen that selecting a topic is limited only by imagination. Topical collecting has no set rules, no lengthy lists of "do's and don't's". Undoubtedly this appeals to many people who never gave stamp collecting so much as a glance until they were exposed to topicals.

The collector specializing in one country or in a small group of countries, eventually finds his interest lagging as he approaches completion. Either because of the addition of a single stamp requires a week's pay, or because he has to await infrequent new issues to add a stamp. To keep their collecting interests alive, they often add a sideline collection on some topical subject, and frequently find this collection becoming their main interest.

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The educational value of stamps has been recognized since the first stamp collection was formed. Unfortunately the average stamp collection appeals to few people. No slight is intended to highly specialized collections, these require much time and study to prepare, but by their very nature they can interest only those who have the philatelic knowledge to understand and appreciate both the effort and the stamps.

The better topical collections often require the same amount of (Continued on page 11)

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# HOW do we COLLECT **TOPICALLY?**

Stephen G. Rich

The peculiar things about Topical Stamp Collecting is not that it differs radically from the more usual forms of the philatelic hobby. The peculiar thing is that we select our material according to something different from the usual classification. We cut across the accepted groupings, and bring stamps of widely different ages, lands and purposes together because they have something in common.

Ordinarily, people collect "anything and everything" as a general collection; or they limit themselves to some country, period, group of lands, or even one design of stamp.

Thus, nearly everyone who has collected generally for even a year or two has his pet stamps on which he spends his money and to which he gives his interest.

Some may take up a new country this book.

Some may take up a new country like Israel and keep up with its ever-interesting procession of new issues. Others may decide that they issues. Others may decide that they will take stamps issued between 1900 and 1925 only. Others again will pick an old-time country of interest, per haps Denmark's stamps to 1900, and collect them intensively in all their variations. Still others may collect only George VI or Elizabeth II stamps of all the countries that show these rulers.

These last approach closely to the topical collecting idea. For, down at bedrock, topical collecting is simply collecting the stamps which show some one subject or group of subjects.

"The way to begin is to begin."
If you have decided what subject If you have decided what subject on stamps you want to collect, making a topical collection, the first step is to get yourself as many stamps showing that subject, as you readily can.

Nearly all of us begin with hap-hazardly picking up the stamps as we see them in mixtures, pluck as we see them in mixtures, pluck them out of packets, see them at dealer's, or in sales circuit books from some society. Often merely mentioning what subject you like, among stamp friends, will result in your being given the more easy-to-get stamps that show your set subject. pet subject.

But most of us want to know

what exists on each subject. Some what exists on each subject. Some-times this is hard to find, because the descriptions of the stamps in the catalogs do not always tell about everything on a stamp. For this reason, the American Topical Association has gone in extensively for publication of lists of stamps according to their subjects.

Both "Topical Time" and the "Biological Tid-Bits" of the

Both "Topical Time" and the "Biological Tid-Bits" of the A.T.A.'s Biology Unit, regularly publish such lists. One of our members, Miss Phebe Booth, published a well known book, "Subject Matter of Philately", a veritable encyclopedia of basic information of this sort, telling every design of stamp, country by country, that belongs in

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this book.

Many of us, impatient because our pet subject is not listed yet, go through the stamp catalog page by page, watching the pictures and making our own list of stamps likely to belong in our own collection. This is not as hard a task as it might seem, for vast stretches can be passed quickly. For example, anyone seeking "Churches on Stamps" can leaf through Great Britain quickly, finding not even a single item. single item.

We who collect topically are "rugged individualists" almost to the last man, woman or child. We each like to mount our topical coleach like to mount our topical col-lection to suit our own taste. We arrange it the way we want, using whatever blank pages please us. Some of us lavish loving care on the mounting, decorating the pages to emphasize the subject, or adding in pictures called from various

in pictures culled from various ources, showing what is on an ac-

companying stamp.

Others of us write up the pages extensively, explaining either the subject, the occasion for the stamp,

or why the subject is on the stamp.

Most of us, collecting topically, seem to prefer unused stamps so that the whole design is easy to see. A few of us hunt for copies in which the cancellation blacks out any distracting feature, but leaves the subject showing clearly. Thus, in a collection of "Dogs on Stamps" the U.S. 50c 1898 is a choice item when the cancellation frames the dog near the right-hand end. The same stamp, under "The Horse same stamp, under "The Horse Family", would be ideal if the can-ellation made the two burnos show up to the exclusion of all

else.

In almost every subdivision of topical collecting there are slogan or pictorial postmarks which also come into the collection. Some of these are hard to find, others plentiful. Thus there are French and Swiss postmarks picturing mountains, which form a proper part of any "Mountains on Stamps" collection. The Scandinavian postmarks showing an old fashioned stage coach likewise figure in a collection of "Coaches on Stamps." In almost every topical field,

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inverted center—the taxicab has turned turtle!
But far more often there are stamps of low price to get, which are excessively difficult to locate. The chase for these, as for some of the scarce Cape Juby stamps showing camels, low in price but not to be had readily from any dealer, is part of the joy of topical collecting. collecting.

Most of us, collecting topically, are content not to try to show full set of the same design, but to represent the set by one or a few values. Some of us omit overprinted stamps entirely, unless the over-print itself carries the subject we are collecting. In fact, there isn't any way of collecting that gives such wide scope for each collec-tor's preferences and even whims, as the topical field.

Much of the charm of the ontinues as a collection is developed because the older stamps, back into the "classics", are discovered to include topical content. Thus, a "Railroads on Stamps" collection can go right back to a U.S. Local issued in 1844, bring in New Pranswick's 1851, stamp our own Brunswick's 1851 stamp, our own U.S. 3c 1869, our own U.S. Contennial Envelopes of 1876, and so on right up to the latest diesel or streamliner on some current French stamp.

There is also a human side which gives interest to topical collecting. Many sets of stamps will contribute to three, four or more different top-ical fields. The personal dealings ical fields. The personal dealings by which collectors split up such sets between groups, lead to friend-ships such as few other ways of stamp collecting can establish. The many supposed difficulties in topi-cal collecting are really just op-portunities for friendship.

# Check List Deals With Fish, Fishing

The Biology Unit of the American Topical Association has just released a lengthy checklist of Fishes, Fishing, Fisherman and Fisheries on stamps. Prepared by Johanna E. Rich and Dr. Willard F. Stanley, it provides excellent write-up material for the collector of stamps picturing this important class of vertebrates.

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# You Will Like 'Topics' Too

George Bourgraf

As every young collector starts by basing his collection on the number of stamps in his collection, I too remember the early days accumulating stamps worldwide. It was a proud moment for me to tell some other youthful collector that I had over 2,000 stamps when this little lad possibly had several hundred.

Starting my collection shortly after the turn of the century I had first collected whatever I could acquire. Then the colorful cheaper sets became my favorites as I once started to earn a few pennies for chores. Once I became regularly employed I soon budgeted a small amount each week for the purpose.

Enjoying this phase of collecting, I became proficient in observing the variations of the early stamps. Later, I learned there was a vast difference of opinion on a great number of them; particularly, when I once found that I had purchased a type at a substantial price, only to find another expert repudiate it. I never have learned the truth.

In the mid-twenties I got religion

the truth.

In the mid-twenties I got religion seriously, stampwise. I took to my general collection and found that I had the nucleous of a good religious stamp collection, almost 400 stamps that could be so designated. Then it was that I started my first writeups and during the long term years of the depression I enjoyed the hobby although I was limited in my expenditures.

Not only did this prove enjoyable but it was found to be an educational medium that expanded to other topics. It gave me an entry into educational fields that my early life had not offered me academically.

Now I have just reviewed a 12-page article on the various types of an early foreign issue that appeared in a national society journal. To the technical collector this might prove interesting if he is interested in the particular country the stamp comes from, otherwise, there will be little interest. Another journal includes a number of similar technical articles that are interesting. For the most part it includes articles that the active experienced philatelist would enjoy rather than the normal collector who would like to specialize, yet, is not schooled in the necessary background to enable him to participate on that basis.

Most of us have unconsciously become topical collectors whether we know it or not. Several years ago I exhibited a nice collection of religious subjects at a national exhibit. The exhibit was entered in what was the Topical Bracket at the show. To my surprise, when I visited the exhibits, I found that I had to compete against a specialized exhibit or is, he must recognize that whatever constitutes his favorite subject can be termed 'topical' under one bracket or another.

I was an early member of the CoRoS Society who collect "Religion" and I likewise became an early member of the Topical people appeal to me because they have established an unlimited number of classes or groups that enable every collector, specialized and novice, to participate on the exhibit was a specialized exhibit was an early member of the CoR

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Now we find some large purchasers of the Farouk stamps are offering this material as being "From The Farouk Collection". Do not let that phrase influence you. Certainly, the stamps are fine stamps, there may be a number you would like to have and that you want, but brother, avoid silly prices for the stamps just because they came from the Farouk collection. If you pay a premium for that gag line now, you never will get your money out of the stamps again.

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Farouk is not FDR, do not pay fancy premium prices for the Farouk name or you will be sorry. Buy liberally of what you want and need at the same kind of prices you would pay for the stamps from any other source, but refuse to pay for the Farouk name. British dealers are also doing a lot of gambling with this Farouk material and so long as the collector will refuse to get enthused over the Farouk name he will not make any serious mistakes about buying what he wants from the stamps.

# Lake County Philatelic Society

Most stamp societies are within the limits of some one city or town. The Lake County Philatelic Society is actually a society within the county and is very well scattered over the central part of that county. We are referring to the new Lake County Philatelic Society here in Lake County, Florida. The society, now about three months old has 22 members. These members are scattered over the central part of Lake County and are residents of the small towns of Leesburg, Eustis, Howey-in-the-Hills, Mount Dora, Lady Lake, Tavares and Fruitland Park. The greatest distance between any two members or towns as named above is about 17 or 18 miles, less than 25 or 30 minutes driving time, the average however being about 15 minutes between points, so it should be apparent that a club is practical under these conditions as the average member can attend with less difficulty and trouble than one has who is in a large city such as Cleveland, Chicago, Miami, etc.

Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday each month at suitable meeting places in the different localities. Thus far meets have been held in Leesburg, Howey-in-the-Hills, Eustis and Tavares. The meeting of May 11 was held in Howey-in-the-Hills, in the parlors of the Community Church. Rev. Russell Carr of this Church is a member of the club and thus the Church parlors are available when it is desired to hold meetings in Howey.

This arrangement seems to work out very well and might be found practical in many localities where there are not enough collectors in one town to get up a club. Try organizing several small towns that are close together.

Several members of the society are already planning to attend the Florida Federation Jamboree to be held in Sebring on June 12 and 13. The Society has also planned to become a part of the Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs which now makes fourteen clubs in the Federation.

# Stamps Come To Life

This is readily apparent if you will get a copy of LIFE MAGAZINE for May 3 and see the article on the British Guiana rarity and other stamps of fame that are featured in this issue.

This article is one that will attract a very great amount of interest in our hobby. Personally we do not believe in constantly harping about some of the rare stamps of the world. We feel that this can be overdone, that in some ways it discourages people from an interest in stamps. "Why pay hundreds of dollars for a little scrap of paper, are those people nuts?" That's what they will say.

Most books about stamps by some who have been touted as leading authors are filled with chapter after chapter about rare stamps and such truck and tell little or nothing about stamp collecting and what interest it may hold for its followers.

Certainly, we appreciate the fact that LIFE has given of its space to tell of our hobby, but we do feel that the space will not be of as much value to our hobby as it could have been if it would have told of the world wide interest that can be found in a stamp collection and had confined itself to an explanation of the joys and pleasures that can come from the hobby, rather than feature a lot of crummy looking and worn out pieces of paper that have brought fabulous prices.

worn out pieces of paper that have brought fabulous prices. Perhaps another time may come when the real good that can come from stamp collecting is explained to the readers of LIFE. Let us hope this will be the case, but to make sure that it will happen we must express our appreciation to LIFE for giving so liberally of its space in this May 3 issue. It is indeed a remarkable tribute to our hobby and can not fail to create nation wide interest. You can help boost by telling LIFE what you think of their story. A letter will have a big bearing on whether this is the first or last of such big magazine attention to stamp collecting.

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# ATA Also Has Branch Chapters

Allyn H. Wright

The American Topical Association, in its desire to be of as much service to collectors everywhere as possible, is now in the middle of a campaign to form more branch chapters. Membership in a Branch Chapter not only gives a collector the advantages of meeting with others of similar interests for the friendly exchange of material and ideas, but through frequent speakers, films, slides and exhibits a collector can learn much to personally help him with his collection.

On May 4, a new Branch Chapter was formed in Phoenix, Ariz. Information on this new group is available from Chairman Hugh W. Hilton, 1425 N. 43rd Place, Phoenix,

An Ontario Chapter was formed at Kitchener, Canada on the afternoon of April 24 during the convention-exhibition of The Candian Philatelic Society. Chairman Edgar W. Spurgeon, 122 Ellerslie Ave., Willowdale, Ont., Canada can give advice on this chapter.

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Chapter is that in Washington, D. C., Edwin H. Hunter is the president; interested collectors can contact him at 412 Cleve Dr., Falls Church, Va.

Denver, Colo. will soon have a group. Such plans are now being formulated, with temporary chairman Mark S. Vanier, 1361 Elizabeth St., in charge.

Plans are also underway for the formation of a unit in Cleveland, Ohio. Collectors interested here can contact Peter Jocius, Station H. Box 2106, Cleveland 8, Ohio.

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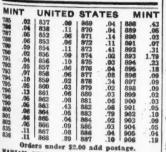
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A warning appearing in the May 1954 edition of "The Bureau Specialist" should be remembered by those who go in for some of the out-of-the-ordinary U. S. material. Oliver J. Williams, chairman of the committee on Booklets and Booklet Panes, writes, "It has been brought to our attention that unscrupulous dealers are taking imperf sheets of 1c and 2c stamps and making AEF panes of 30 therefrom after carefully matching shades and perforations made privately.

from after carefully matching shades and perforations made privately.

"WARNING! These have proper tabs and staple holes therein so beware of imitation panes from unscrupulous dealers. Insist on a certificate of genuineness if purchasing or bidding in auctions, or buying over the counter."

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The Scott Specialized has this note about the AEF Booklet in the forepart of its catalog under "Information For Collectors":

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Whether you ever have reason or not to apply this knowledge in connection with your personal collection, it is something to know. For it might smarten you up to monkey-business possible in the field in which you are interested. The Bureau Specialist is the official publication of the Bureau Issues Assn. the members of which are intensely interested in all stamps printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington.

1. Present printing of booklet panes (before they are cut apart) is made in sheets of how many stamps?

2. In what year did the first book-let stamps appear?

A lot of the reading matter in this edition has been supplied by the American Topical Association. the American Topical Association. If after disesting it you feel the temptation to form some kind of a topical collection, give in to it—you'll never have so much fun. It is desirable that citizens of this nation collect United States stamps and learn about the events and persons commemorated. However, there are too many U. S. stamp fans who just won't venture into foreign, for a variety of reasons, and they become the losers. If a collector goes for U. S. in all its phases he will have sufficient to keep him occupied for life. But the "U. S. Specialists" who have nothing later than the last ten or fifteen years in their albums, but do have several hundred dollars worth

have several hundred dollars worth of commemorative mint sheets or plate blocks, should wise up and

plate blocks, should wise up and reform their ways.

Forget about becoming rich through stamps — take the hobby for what it was originally intended — a source of pleasure and education. That's where topical collecting shines.

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As to the ATA Convention at Dayton, Linn's Weekly Stamp News will be there on the bourse. Be sure to look us up.
Wouldn't it be simpler to call this branch of philately "TOPI-COLLECTING"?

Some time ago I mentioned that was possible to send a double tors,

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Before we go another word on this matter, let me tell you that very few of the postal employees know of this arrangement, and I mean in the large mail mills too, where some volume of foreign

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12:00 Noon Opening of Exhibition
2:00 P.M. Dayton Tour showing industry
Entertainment

5:00 P.M. Unit Group Meeting 8:00 P.M. ATA officers and mem-

bers reception 9:00 P.M. Exhibition Closes

# Saturday June 19th

12:00 Noon Opening of Exhibition

2:00 P.M. Seeing Dayton Points of interest 4:30 P.M. Roosevelt Stamp Slides 5:00 P.M. Music on Stamps New Show Show

5:30 P.M. Judging of exhibition 7:00 P.M. Convention Banquet, Mrs. Alma Craemer, Toastmaster 9:00 P.M. Exhibition Closes

#### Sunday June 20th

A.M. Philatelic Breakfast 12:00 Noon Exhibition opens
1:30 P.M. Unit and chapter meeting
2:30 P.M. Philatelic entertainment

3:30 P.M. Special entertainment

feature 6:00 P.M. Exhibition closes

mail is handled. So you will have to cite them the regulations which cover this stunt right out of the "United States Official Postal Guide".

It is in the July 1953, Volume II, International Service, Chapter II, Article 4, Section "j" (page 7) of the above named "Guide" and and

reads:"(j) International Reply Paid
Cards — (i) International ReplyPaid postal cards bearing the required endorsements and imprinted postage . . . . shall be carried in
stock at all post offices where there
is a demand for such reply-paid
postal cards. The United States domestic reply paid post card
should not be used for other countries.

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"(ii) Reply-paid post cards which are privately printed for use in the international mails shall have on the front, in the French language, as the heading of the first, or message part the words 'Carte postale avec response payee' (post card with reply paid), and the words 'Carte postale reponse' (reply post card) as the heading on the second or reply part. Each of the two parts must fulfill the other conditions laid down for a single card. Prepayment of the two halves shall be by means of United States postage stamps (4 cents) affixed to each half.

"(iii) The two parts of a reply-paid card must be folded one part over the other, so that the fold forms the upper edge, and they may not be sealed in any manner. It is permissible for the sender to indicate his name and address on the address side of the reply half.

may not be sealed in any manner. It is permissible for the sender to indicate his name and address on the address side of the reply half, either in writing, printing, or by affixing a label thereto. The address on the reply half shall be folded on the inside of the article. The sender may have printed on the back of the reply half a questionnaire by the addressee; the latter may return the inquiry half attached to the reply portion, in which case, the address on the inquiry half shall be crossed out and folded on the inside of the card. "(iv) The prepayment of the reply half by means of postage stamps of the country which has issued the cards is valid only if the two parts of the card with reply paid have arrived joined together from the country of origin and if the reply half is sent from the country where it arrived by mail and is addressed to the said country of origin. If these conditions are not fulfilled, it is treated as an unprepaid post card."

All of this boils down to several things, vix:

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Plan now to attend the Dayton Convention. The spirit of fellowship; the meeting of kindred souls will bring much happiness to those who attend. You will greet old friends and make new ones. The greatest pleasure and satisfaction that one receives from his collecting activities are the friendships made through stamp activities.

To the Dayton Philatelic Society, and all of the many committees; I give my sincerest thanks for making TOPEX-54 one of the outstanding philatelic events of the year. They worked hard and spent many long hours in planning. Their work will continue even after TO-PEX-54 is over. To them, may we the members of the ATA say "Well done, TOPEX, is getting bigger and better each year."

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Low hill country, the Pontotoc ridge, forms about 20 percent of the total area of Mississippi, where the soil is rich and fertile and the climate mild.

In agriculture, cotton is more than half the crop. Others are corn, hay, and forage, cotton seed, white and sweet potatoes, sugar cane, beans, tomatoes and miscellaneous orchard fruits.

Fishery products are important and include large amounts of oysters and shrimp. Turpentine and rosin from the forests are a steady source of income.

The population of Mississippi includes a large group of Negroes and Chinese, for whom separate education is provided.

The land was originally settled by the French about 1716, and was part of the colony of Louisiana. France ceded the territory to Eng-land which in turn lost it to Spain. After the American Revolution, Spain disputed our claim and 1706. Spain disputed our claim until 1796. In 1798, it became a U. S. territory, and in 1817 it became a state of the Union.

The state seceded in 1861 and took a prominent part in the Civil War on the Confederate side. In educational tests adopted 1890, restricted suffrage was given to those able to read the Constitution or to interpret a section when read. interpret a section when read, thereby excluding a large num-ber of Negroes from voting.

This state has always suffered severely from the serious floods of the Mississippi River, especially in

more recent years.

Note that the Territorial Seal on the stamp spells it Missisippi; the State Seal, however, spells it Mis-

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With the current issue of "The Bull's Eye" members of the Friends of Brazilian Philately were given a bonus. The publication, official organ of the group, was supplemented with a copy of "Brazil" a well illustrated brochure about the nation and its products and industry compiled by the Pan American Union.

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Topicals have served the need of those who wish to form a collection that's personalized, different, and topical every day as a result.

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HANDS — This topical collection interesting to yourself and to others:

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The stamps, of course, are Spain types AP20 and Netherlands B246.
Back copies of ALL-PETS MAGA-ZINE may be available by writing the magazine, P. O. Box 151, Fond du Lac, Wis. Enclose 30c and request the November 1953 issue containing the article "Cats That Carried the Mail."

You'll have great fun and a real challenge forming a collection of topical stamps. And you'll be in good company, too. The American Topical Association, organized only a few years ago, is fast becoming one of the largest philatelic organizations in the United States.

FIRE - Here's a topical subject FIRE — Here's a topical subject that has numerous possibilities, too. Many stamps of this type are printed in red or in red orange and show up nicely when mounted on a black quadrilled album page. Romania type SP23 illustrates a campfire at a boy scout camp. Italy, type A65, shows the flame of patriotism tempering a sword of

Italy, type A65, shows the flame of patriotism tempering a sword of justice. It's printed in maroon.
On Italy No. 255, you see a shepherd piping by a fireside. This stamp is printed in red brown. The sacrificial altar on Italy No. 385 is printed in plum. Type SP15, also Italy, shows militiamen at a ceremonial fire. Each design is attractive.

RADIO "MIKES" — This topical subject can be completed easily.

Mexico type AP66 and the Philippine Islands type A90 Roxas mourning stamps are good examples. If you want to form this kind of colyou want to form this kind of col-lection, you'll find other good ex-amples of radio stamps from which to choose. You may want to add Union of South Africa types A68 and A69 which show a signal corps-

SUNLIGHT — Not too many of these stamps exist. The Great Bri-tain and Union of South Africa siltain and Union of South Africa silver jubilee issues are good examples of sunlight coming from behind. Canada type A111 shows rays of the sun coming through trees at a lumbering camp. Turkey types A80 and A81 are other examples like the Great Britain and South Africa; items

frica items.

AT THE BEACH — The United States 3c Annapolis commemora-tive portrays a crab. Cayman Is-lands stamps show shells, turtles nd a dolphin.

ELEPHANTS — Elephant stamps of

are found on numerous stamps of Asia, Africa and the British colonies. You'll have a field day trying to get them all.

COINS — Brazil, Greece, Cyprus, Argentina, Israel are among a number of countries with stamps which reproduce coin designs on

number of countries with stamps which reproduce coin designs or subjects of a numismatic nature.

BLEED-OFFS — These are stamps without a border or frame. Many are to be found in the issues of Egypt and Hungary. These stamps look nice on a black album page.

TIME -- Brazil type A176 shows

TIME — Brazil type A176 shows a page from a calendar. Turkey has issued some census-taking commemoratives. Fiume and Czechoslovakia show clocks.

The check lists and suggestions given here are not complete and are not intended to be. However, they show the almost-unlimited possibilities of subject matter that can be collected. You'll find many, many ideas by merely thumbing through the stamp catalog.

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BARBADOS - The Crown Agents

for the Colonies advise that on April 15 the following values were issued with the Royal portrait changed: 2c, 3c, 4c, 6c, 8c and 12c. The same values with the portrait of King George VI were withdrawn from sale at that time.

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Philately has provided several hundred species for its flower garden, Philately has provided several hundred species for its flower garden, including many rare flowers that have never been introduced or grown in the greenhouses or gardens of our continent. Using the 1954 Scott catalog as a basic reference, and through considerable research in botanical books, correspondence with foreign postal administrations, and information from professional botanists, a committee of American Topical Association members has compiled a checklist of the stamps picturing flowers.

The philatelic flower gardener can show representatives of 52

The philatelic flower gardener can show representatives of 52 different flower families, he can even devote a page or several pages to the cultivation of the more important families. The lily family is represented by 20 stamps, the buttercup by 22, the rose by 23, and the composites by 35. Those who prefer the truly rare and exotic will find 26 picturing members of the orchid family.

These comprise all stamps picturing flowers, whether the flower be the major part of the design or

turing flowers, whether the flower be the major part of the design or a minor part such as a border decoration. The statistics do not include heraldic designs, since the committee felt that this is properly a topical subject in itself. If the philatelic floral expert prefers to concentrate on those stamps picturing the flower as the principal part of the design, the garden will consist of 193 stamps. Upon completing this part of the garden, the collector may add the

Upon completing this part of the garden, the collector may add the stamps picturing flowers in a minor manner. This will "plant" an additional 76 stamps in the garden and serve to fill it out.

The arrangement of the philatelic garden can be varied as that of the real one. The collector can plan his by the origin of the flower (the country of issue), by the color of the stamp, or, if he leans toward amateur botany, he can separate them by family, using the correct Latin binominals as well as acceptable common names for most of the varieties.

them by family, using the correct Latin binominals as well as acceptable common names for most of the varieties.

Regardless of arrangement, the philatelic flower garden will draw compliments wherever it is shown. Four to six pages of philatelic flowers exhibited in the spring at the public library along with seed catalogs and garden books, at a garden show, in a florist's window, indeed anywhere, will arouse a flood of comment and inquiry and win converts for the hobby of stamp collecting.

The checklist of flowers on tamps currently appearing in "TOPICAL TIME," the official publication of the ATA, provides a useful starting point for those who desire to become philatelic flower gardeners. It cannot do more than that and the collector will find half of the fun lies in locating "unknown" species, and searching for additional knowledge to describe his garden.

You may even start by making a list yourself, just work through your Scott catalogs. True, the write-up information in the catalog is scanty, we can't expect the busy catalog publishers to provide family names and Latin binominials which are part of a good checklist, but you will be able to make a list to permit you to collect the stamps.

Plant your philatelic flower garden anytime, spring, summer, fall or winter, all seasons are equally good, an advantage of this type of gardening over the more conventional methods. Enjoy its beauty the year 'round, the blossoms do not fade or wither with lack of water or sudden frost. The specimens are not overly expensive, even a bare hundred stamps will provide an attractive starting garden, a garden that will win the wide-eyed acclaim of your philatelic and non-philatelic friends.

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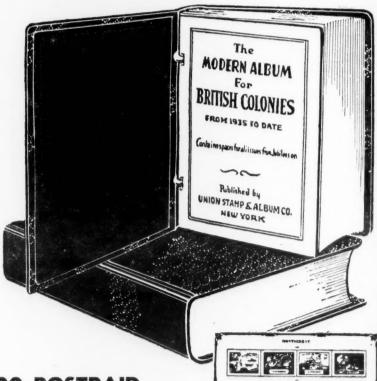


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The "horizontalists" sweep smoothly across the clearly defined highways of the world or any given segment thereof, collecting, mint or used or both, the major varieties, completely catalogued. The "perpendicularists", not content with the surface, dig down for the minors as well as the majors — perfs, shades, errors and what have you, Seldom, if ever, do they collect "the world". That's too much acreage in which to dig for the Minutiae of the specialist.

Comes now the "topicalists" — collecting, which combines the op- so—join the American Topical As-

Comes now the "topicalists"—
collecting, which combines the opportunity to be both "horizontal and
perpendicular", and even "third
dimensional." You sweep across
the world as you dig for the specialties which illustrate your topic.
Well might it be called "Philately
with Imagination". — For this reason it is destined to become one
of the great divisions of stamp collecting, as more and more collecof the great divisions of stamp col-lecting, as more and more collec-tors discover the great adventures to be found in topical collecting. More than 1,800 present members of the American Topical Associa-tion in 35 countries of the world— just a four-year development—

just a four-year development— amply attest this fact.
Why call it "Philately with Im-agination"? Because that is where it begins. You start by conjuring up the "topic". In what other phase of collecting can you tie in your stamps with your avocation, hobby, spiritual interest, the arts, sciences. clothes. flowers, birds,

hobby, spiritual interest, the arts, sciences, clothes, flowers, birds, ships, sports, Red Cross, Boy Scouting, maps, architecture. There is the challenge to your imagination. With your topic chosen—the hunt begins. If you want guidance, members of the American Topical Association have already assembled comprehensive check lists on many diverse topics. If, like the writer, you are research minded many diverse topics. If, like the writer, you are research minded—and have the time—you can live in a world of stamps for months without spending a penny. How? Build your own catalog—of your subject. To do that, you look every stamp in the world in the face, through the medium of your official catalogs. In each stamp you hunt for your topic. You read the fine print, too seldom read, it will tell you many interesting facts. If, for example, you are interested in postal logs. In each stamp you num for your topic. You read the fine print, too seldom read, it will tell you many interesting facts. If, for example, you are interested in postal anniversaries, you will find how and when a country marked the beginning of its postal system and its various anniversaries through the years. If it be religion on stamps, you will learn of saints, of churches, cathedrals, religious celebrations, surtax to repair some famous cathedral or abbey. As you research for your topic, reading the catalog and its legends you will learn about the world's interest, philatelically, in the arts, sciences, history, music and so on, almost ad infinitum.

How about the economics of topical collecting? There is one of its greatest appeals. In collecting a country, you must have all the stamps, if it is to be complete. When a new set is issued you must acquire the entire set. Not so, in topical collecting. A whole set may have one common design, in different colors and values. If you wish you can select the lowest value of the set to illustrate your topic. That's the dollars and "sense" of topical collecting for the collector with limited stamp budget.

Next—in topical collecting you don't just mount stamps. There must be reading matter—a legend to tell the subject matter of the stamp from a topical point of view. Show a non-collector your specialized collection, and he nods sagely but without comment over your rarest variety. Show him your topical collection and you will find him curled up in a big chair, looking and reading and exclaimning "Gosh—this is interesting!"

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authentic pictures of birds of the world on stamps. Gone is all thought of the mink coat she thought of the mink coat she didn't get. At the next meeting of the Bird Club or the Audubon Society, she is the "belle of the ball" as she displays her birthday present—pictures of birds that none of her fellow "bird watchers" ever have you sitting in the fellow. sent—pictures of birds that none of her fellow "bird watchers" ever saw. Are you sitting on top of the world? For \$15.00 you have kissed off the expected mink coat. (There's only one catch. She starts looking at your "Linn's Weekly", for new bird stamps and inquires at intervals, "Are you sure there have been no new bird stamps in the last six months?"—and sometimes she catches you cheating.) Philately With Imagination. ...... Sold yet on topical collecting? If

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The American Topical Association, organized September 12, 1949, is now world wide, with more than 1.800 members.

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The binding tie is its publication, "TOPICAL TIME". The membership list, furnished all members, lists their specialities and identifies members with common interests. Within the Association are special units or divisions, collectors interested in particular topics. In special units or divisions, collectors interested in particular topics. In many cities there now exist topical chapters. A 45 member Information Board answers questions for members with no cost other than a stamped envelope for reply. ATA stages an annual Convention-Exhibition. Exhibits are confined entirely to topical material, with a series of awards in each category. What does it cost to join these adventurers in "Philately with Imagination"? Two dollars per year, which includes your subscription to Topical Time. There is no initiation fee. Two references are re-

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# Topicals Of Lundy And Herm

Mrs. H. Wadsworth

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Two small islands are becoming increasingly popular for stamp collectors, probably because of the Coronation issue. They are Lundy Island in the Bristol Channel off the coast of Devon in England, and Herm Island, one of the Channel Islands. Both have local stamps printed to defray costs of transporting mail to and from the mainland (in the case of Lundy), and Guernsey (in the case of Herm), These stamps should be of special interest to topical collectors. Lundy issued, on January of this year, three sets of stamps; the airmails will certainly appeal to anyone interested in Aviation history. The stamps depict Mrs. Graham's Balloon; Bleriot with Anzani the Constructor; Plane over Old Light, Lundy; De Havilland Comet Jet Plane; "Bristol" 73 Helicopter; and "Bristol" Brabazon.

There are two airmail sets, one to commemorate the 25th anniversary and the other definitive.

The surface postage issue portrays Marisco Tavern, Church and Post Office; Marisco Castle; Map of Lundy Island; M. V. Lerina; Soay Sheep and Old Light; Constable Rock; and Deer and Devil's Slide. These stamps are all in "puffin" values, a local coinage. Earlier stamps of the Island would be of interest to collectors of "Birds" as they feature the Puffin, Guillemot, Kittiwake, Razorbill, Fulmar Petrel, Oyster Catcher and Great Black Backed Gull.

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Several obsolete commemoratives are of topical interest — "Red Cross" surcharge, "Kitty Hawk" overprint, "V for Victory" overprint — but these are very difficult to obtain.

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Lundy this year is commemorat-ing its twenty-fifth year for local postage issues but Herm Island has a short history in comparison for its local stamps were first is-sued in 1949.

The first issues of Herm were map" stamps with a brief period f "pigeon post". Herm also has a issue released on January 7, new issue released on January 7, 1954. The two low values are four and eight doubles, local coinage that is now discontinued. Then comes 2 penny and 4 penny and these four stamps depict the Herm

Island Crest,
This will be of interest to col-lectors who specialize in Religion as it is associated with the various as it is associated with the various monastic orders that have had connections with Herm. The Crest also symbolizes Herm's close association with the sea. The one shilling stamp, which completes the issue, is pictorial.

# **Topical Time Has** Several Check Lists

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The current issue of "ropical time" provides the subject matter collector with 52 pages of valuable information. Included is a checklist of "Famous Paintings on Stamps" by William Howell and Clare McAlister. Five pages are devoted to the "Life and Teachings of Christ" on stamps, the sixth in a now famous series of articles on Religion on Stamps.

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# Bentham's Canadian Column

Without them, in my opinion, any Canadian collection is incomplete.

It's usually taken for granted that when a collector specializes in a country, he is going to study its postal history by collecting some of its early stamps, too. Apparently this is not being done for Canada. If it were being done, I am quite sure the album publishers would have made provision for the provinces before now. In fact, the provinces are neglected in the albums published by specialist firms.

There are many specialist floating around the philatelic scene nowadays who call themselves "Specialists in Canadian Stamps."

And in the true sense of the word, they are not. They are just collecting modern Canadian Stamps.

In other words, it would be much better to say that they are specializing in modern Canada.

To neglect the collecting of the stamps issued by the former provinces such as Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and British Columbia, the philatelist is excluding many of the more interesting items of Canada's postal history. Also the newly acquired province of Newfoundland should be included.

I really believe that the reason so many speculators are coming on the scene and investing considerable sums of money in Canadian commemoratives is the fact that they think they will make a considerable amount of money.

I also think that there are many philatelists specializing in Canadian stamps, too, who are spending much of their money as well as their time in accumulating sheet after sheet of each new commemorative issue.

It's quite true that Canadian stamps in mint condition are good investment items. But it's equally true that if every philatelist decides to stock up on commemorative in sheets and neglect to really complete his Canadian stamps and I'll show you a happy collector. Canadian stamps will always rise in value, but, I believe the collection, the whole market will fall through.

Show me a genuine philatelist specializing in Canadian stamps and I'll show you a happy collector. Canadian stamps will always rise in value, but, I believe the collections should concentrate more o

adian collection, including the for-mer provinces as well as impart-ing some of his research on these

issues.

I wager that there isn't a philatelist in existence today who can boast of such a collection.

Then, if that's the case, the CPS has a good reason to launch such an annual award. Who knows, it may create more of a genuine interest in Canadian stamps?

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"It's A Big Mistake To Neglect Former Provinces

#### Lorne W. Bentham

Most specialized Canadian colections are usually termed by their owners as complete Canadian collections, containing every issue that has been released. Actually this statement may be quite misleading. It might be only half the truth.

Many specialists will probably take exception to this comment, but I maintain it's the truth.

I ask you to attend any philatelic meeting or exhibition and you will more than likely come across individuals who claim that they have complete collections of Canada. And they will argue with you that their collections are complete in every respect.

In all probability everyone who has come in contact with such collectors have neglected to collect any of the former stamp issuing provinces and include them in the collection.

Without them, in my opinion, any

31, 1949 I have yet to see a dealer say in his ad: "Collect Newfoundland. It's stamps should be included in a Canadian collection".

There seems to be the impression that it's still just a British Colony issuing its own stamps.

The thought of trying to include Newfoundland stamps in a specialized Canadian collection has never been pushed hard heretofore. As a matter of fact, I really believe it should be brought home that it is just a part of Canada as the Province of Quebec or the Province of Prince Edward Island.

# **New Postage Dues** Issued By Vatican

An entirely new set of postage dues consisting of six values were issued by the Vatican postal administration on April 30. According to William Wonneberger Jr., president of the Vatican Philatelic Society, they are 4 Lire rose; 6L green; 10L yellow; 20L ultramarine; 50L gray brown; 70L violet.

On each of the above the color is that of the background. The Papal Coat of Arms occupies the central part of the design, and it plus the valuation and national designation are in black.

#### **OPPORTUNITIES** (Continued from page 1)

through their collection of birds on stamps.
In topical philately the stress is

In topical philately the stress is on the design of a stamp, rather than on perforations and watermarks, thus placing the beginner and the experienced collector on the same plane.

The inveterate collector, who feels that he must bury himself in research, can channel his efforts towards the identification of the subjects appearing on the stamps of his favorite topic.

The beginner, who may not be interested in research, can content himself with getting his stamps, and arranging them to fit his taste and purse.

and purse.

# How to start

By now you'll probably be asking yourself: "How do I start?"
The first step, naturally, is to choose a topic. Then it is advisable to examine your regular collection, in search of items that may fall within your selected theme.
The next step is to consult Scott's, and prepare a checklist. A number of checklists are also available from the A.T.A. in Milwaukee, at a moderate cost.
A quick perusal of the advertisements in this publication will reveal the names of a large number of dealers who cater to topical collections, and who can supply you

determs who care to topical col-lections, and who can supply you with the stamps of your topic. A brief note explaining your interest will bring a quick reply, and will lead you into the wonderful world of topical philately.

### MEMBERS (Continued from page 1)

research and study but even the simple topical collection has popular appeal through the beauty of the stamps and the related story they tell. History, art, religion, transportation, biology, music, sciences, everything is depicted on today's stamps. Teachers, editors, clergymen, radio and TV program directors, all have been quick to recognize the educational value of stamps and particularly topical collections of stamps. Business firms have used topical stamps in firms have used topical stamps in advertising, and a few have used displays to call attention to their Ganada \$1.50; Foreign \$2.50 manufactured products in trade shows and fairs.

With this brief discussion of topi-

cal collecting, its place and its fu-ture, we come to the American Top-ical Association and what it does

ical Association and what it does to aid the beginner as well as the advanced topical collector.

Organized in September 1949 by a handful of optimistic collectors, its growth has kept pace with that of topical collecting. Today more than 1800 collectors from all over the world, and from every walk of life, are ACTIVE members of this non-profit, educational society. this non-profit, educational society.
Conservative estimates indicate that the ATA will eventually become one of the largest of philate-

The ATA issues TOPICAL TIME, the world's foremost publication on topicals, which is sent to all members bi-monthly. Printed on coated paper, with a two-color cover, and lavishly illustrated, it averages more than 36 pages per issue. 36 pages of articles, topical chacklists news and views on a checklists, news and views on a wide variety of topical subjects, and notes of interest to members. A recent issue had information on over twenty different topical subjects.

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Articles give the story behind the stamp, they're written in a down-to-earth manner to appeal to all, not to a mere handful of specialists. They provide information to the collector for write-up material, they suggest new topics to collect, they educate and entertain. Simple, step-by-step articles by recognized experts, by exhibit winners, tell you how to arrange, write-up and mount your topical collection. A topical new issue section, the only one of its kind, lists issues in alphabetical topical order and provides the collector with brief write-up information.

The current yearbook has 52 pages. Officers, committees, special members, regular members, all are listed, along with their collecting specialties and their addresses. Members collect more than 100 different subjects, and the newcomer finds little difficulty in locating kindred spirits in this list. Writing to these members provides opportunity after opportunity to exchange ideas and stamps. A 45 member information board is listed to answer your questions on more than 70 different topical subjects.

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jects.

Numerous study and research units, devoted to special topics such as trains, ships, biology, music, royalty, sports, Americana, medical subjects, journalism, Red Cross, stamps on stamps, UN, etc. offer opportunities for association with people with the same interests as the new member. New units are constantly being formed, and the increase in membership will undoubtedly add many more. Many of the units publish bulletins, and all conduct research and prepare much of the material ap-

prepare much of the material appearing in Topical Time.

Chapters of the American Topical Association exist in many cities, new ones are constantly being formed. Chapters usually have mostibly meetings and programs.

lic societies, just as today it is the largest society devoted to a specific phase of philately.

The ATA issues TOPICAL TIME, only to ATA members.

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The ATA stages an annual convention and exhibition. Previous shows have won praise from the philatelic and non-philatelic press, and are recognized as major events in philately. Exhibits are restricted to topical collections, arranged by topical collections, arranged by topical categories. Awards are offered in each category, with many special and grand awards for the more outstanding exhibits.

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ing formed. Chapters usually have monthly meetings, and programs for their members, some stage exhibits and issue bulletins.

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CANADA. On June 10 Canada will release five stamps with the NEW portrait of the Queen, the same as on the 5c value released on April 1. The values are 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c and 6c and it is planned to use these stamps for several years.

3c, 4c and 6c and it is planned to use these stamps for several years. The 1953 set of five values will have had a very short life and should not be overlooked.

AUSTRALIA. On June 23 Australia will release two new Elizabeth stamps as part of the permanent series to replace the stamps of George VI. The values will be 2½ pence and 6½ pence and will be the same size and design as the red 3½. same size and design as the red 3½ pence stamp issued in 1953.

TIPS. This column (now in its 8th

year) has never offered "tips", although I have often mentioned items that were scarce with the suggestion that they be obtained. Now for the first time, I offer the following, which, based on present conditions, can be offered as time.

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CROWN AGENTS for the colonies. The name has been changed to Crown Agents for Overseas Governments and Administrations. This change was made so that the same will more accurately reflect the functions of this department.

Live MAGAZINE. The May 3 is sue devotes all or part of 14 pages, puts the entire front page to stamp collecting. They show many phonomerous and prices of outstanding rarities. This should prove a stimulation non-collectors and enhance the value of all existing stamps. While this embraces the stamps of While this embraces the stamps of the entire world, those of the Brit-

the entire world, those of the British Empire are included.

ST. HELENA. The 3d purple stamp No. 14 exists imperforate, although not listed by Scott, who priced the regular stamp at \$15.00. Gibbons list the imperforate stamp at 65 Pounds. At a recent auction sale in London, a mint copy sold for 31 pounds (\$86.80).

ST. LUCIA. At the same sale, a mint block of four of the deep blue No. 5A sold for 67 Pounds, 10 shillings (\$189.00). This stamp is priced by Scott at \$15.00 and by Gibbons at 18 pounds.

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### Classics Top Catalog Prices

Quality in demand at H. R. Har-Quality in demand at H. R. Harmer Inc. Auction. Included in the auction of May 3 4, 5, held by H. R. Harmer, Inc., 32 East 57th St., New York were a number of 'quality' items that exceeded catalogue price.

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A Canada 1851 laid paper 6p used, cataloguing \$65, brought \$72.50, a wove paper 3p on thin paper with part sheet margin and minor wrinkles, cataloguing \$13.50, sold at \$24, whilst a 6p greenish gray, cataloguing \$75, was bid to \$115.

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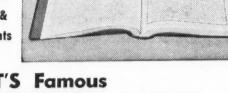
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